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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - DECEMBER 31

SUMMARY

--CRITICISM OF THE U.S. ABATES SOMEWHAT, BUT CIA AND FBI REMAIN TARGETS.

--ALL PAPERS REPORT PONOMAREV AND PEL'SHE'S EMPHASIS ON GUIDING ROLE OF CPSU IN WORLD MOVEMENT AT CEREMONY FOR 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTH OF WILHELM PIECK (SEPTEL).

--YURI ZHUKOV TAKES A SWIPE AT ENEMIES OF DETENTE IN NATO.

--CENTRAL PRESS CLAIMS U.S. IS EXPANDING ASSISTANCE TO ANTI-MPLA FACTIONS IN ANGOLA, AND SAYS SCHAUFLE MISSION IS DESIGNED TO PRESSURE AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO SUPPORT U.S. POLICY.

--REPLAY OF FOREIGN PRESS COMMENTARY ON RESULTS OF KOSYGIN'S TRIP TO TURKEY BEGINS.

--IZVESTIYA USES UNUSUALLY STRONG ANTI-IRAN LANGUAGE IN BRIEF ARTICLE ON SOUTH YEMEN-OMAN SITUATION.

--A COMMENTARY ON THE CHINESE PURCHASE OF ROLLS-ROYCE JET ENGINES REPEATS STANDARD ABUSE ON CHINA

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2. 2. UNITED STATES. IN CONTRAST TO RECENT DAYS, THE U.S. RECEIVES RELATIVELY FEW BRICKBATS FROM THE CENTRAL PRESS. HOWEVER, ISVESTIYA (DEC 30) CARRIES A TASS ITEM FROM NEW YORK AIMED AT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALLEGED WRONG-DOINGS OF THE CIA AND FBI. PRAVDA (DEC 31) REPORTS THAT THREE FORMER SOVIET CITIZENS "OF JEWISH NATIONALITY" REQUESTED THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO HELP THEM RETURN TO THE USSR. THE PRAVDA STORY RECOUNTS SEVERAL TALES OF THEIR WOES IN NEW YORK CITY, AND CITES THEIR CONCLUSION THAT THEY "MADE A BIG MISTAKE" WHEN THEY EMIGRATED FROM THE SOVIET UNION.

3. NATO. PRAVDA CARRIES AN ARTICLE BY POLITICAL COMMENTATOR

YURI ZHUKOV ON A VIENNA "DIE PRESSE" INTERVIEW IN WHICH SYG LUNS STATED THAT AUSTRIA WOULD AUTOMATICALLY BECOME AN ENEMY OF THE SOVIET UNION" SHOULD THE LATTER SEND ITS TROOPS ACROSS AUSTRIAN TERRITORY IN ORDER TO INTERVENE IN YUGOSLAVIA. ZHUKOV SAYS WITH USUAL HAJ-HANDED SATIRE THAT SUCH QUESTIONS ARE PLANTED IN INTERVIEWS BY THE ENEMIES OF DETENTE AS PART OF PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE AGAINST THE COMMUNIST STATES.

4. ANGOLA. PRESS COVERAGE CONCENTRATES ON THE ALLEGED MILITARY SUCCESSES OF THE MPLA ON THE NORTHERN FRONT. IZVESTIYA CLAIMS THE U.S. IS INCREASING ITS ASSISTANCE DESPITE THE SENATE PROHIBITION, AND PRAVDA CARRIES A TASS REPORT FROM LUANDA THAT THE FNLA AND UNITA ARE BEING AIDED BY MERCENARIES FROM THE U.S. AND SOUTH AFRICA. PRAVDA REPORTS THE MISSION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFLE CLAIMING IT IS AN ATTEMPT TO PRESSURE AFRICAN COUNTRIES INTO SUPPORTING THE AMERICAN POLICY OF "HELPING THE AGGRESSION OF SOUTH AFRICAN RACISTS AND SPLITTER GROUPS" AGAINST THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA. PRAVDA ALSO FRONTPAGES A SMALL ANNOUNCEMENT OF GHANA'S DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF THE MPLA.

5. TURKEY. CENTRAL PRESS BEGINS REPLAYING FOREIGN COMMENTARY ON THE RESULTS OF KOSYGIN'S TRIP TO TURKEY. ALTHOUGH ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND GOOD NEIGHBORLINESS ARE STRESSED, HIGHLIGHTED IS THE COMMUNIQUE'S PROVISION FOR THE SIGNING OF A POLITICAL DOCUMENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE. INCLUDED IN THE IZVESTIYA COVERAGE (BUT OMITTED FROM PRAVDA) IS A REFERENCE TO AN AP STORY THAT THE QUESTION OF "TURKISH INDEPENDENCE FROM THE U.S. AND OTHER NATO COUNTRIES" IS BEING DISCUSSED IN TURKEY.

6. SOUTH YEMEN-OMAN. IZVESTIYA CARRIES A BRIEF ARTICLE BY ITS PRESS SERVICE WHICH STATES THAT THE DECLARATIONS AND ACTIONS OF SULTAN QABUS AND HIS IRANIAN SUPPORTERS PRESENT A GENUINE THREAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO THE PDRY. COMMENT. THIS ARTICLE IS COUCHED IN UNUSUALLY STRONG ANTI-IRANIAN TERMS, AND THE OVERALL TONE CONVEYS THE IMPRESSIONS THAT THE SITUATION ON THE SOUTH YEMEN-OMAN BORDER IS RAPIDLY HEATING UP. END COMMENT.

7. CHINA. LITERATURNAYA GAZYETA CARRIED AN ARTICLE ON THE RECENT PRC-ROLLS-ROYCE DEAL FOR SPEY JET ENGINES. THE ARTICLE, BY B. KRYMOV, IS CALLED "HOW DEPENDING ON ONE'S OWN STRENGTH LOOKS." IT TAKES A RECENT NCNA ANNOUNCEMENT LINKING "PREPARATIONS FOR WAR" WITH "SELF-RELIANCE," AND SAYS THAT THE ROLLS DEAL SHOWS WHAT "SELF-RELIANCE" REALLY MEANS. KRYMOV QUOTES THE ROLLS PRESIDENT THAT THE ENGINE HAS A "MILITARY CHARACTER" AND NAMES THE NATO PLANES WHICH USE IT. KRYMOV ASKS WHATEVER HAPPENED TO COCOM RESTRICTIONS ON THE SALE OF STRATEGIC ITEMS TO "COMMUNIST STATES," THEN CITES A NEW YORK TIMES COMMENT THAT

NATO NOW SEEKS TO AID CHINA IN STRENGTHENING ITS MILITARY
MIGHT. PEKING'S GOAL IS OBVIOUS SAYS KRYMOV: TO REALIZE ITS
"GREAT-POWER, CHAUVINISTIC PLANS" BY DEALING WITH CAPITALIST
COUNTRIES OF THE WEST. COMMENT. THIS IS THE FIRST SOVIET
COMMENTARY WE HAVE NOTED ON THE ROLLS DEAL, AND THE FIRST
DIRECTED AT PEKING SINCE THE RELEASE OF THE HELICOPTER CREW.
ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT HIGH-LEVEL, AND NATO GETS ABOUT EQUAL ABUSE,
THE ITEM REITERATES STANDARD SOVIET TERMINOLOGY ON CHINA.

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